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Lifts Secrecy Veil From Top U.S. Spy Agency

CIA chief Allen W. Dulles, brother of the Secretary of State.

CIA agents were behind the recent anti-Communist revolution in Guatemala. They were behind the military coup that ousted King Farouk in Egypt. They were behind the army revolt that toppled Premier Mohammed Mossadegh in Iran.

Those are among the extraordinary facts revealed by a current series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post, entitled "The Mysterious Doings of CIA." Much of the material in the articles was obviously drawn from CIA officials themselves.

The CIA got into the news last winter when Senator Joseph McCarthy said he was going to probe the agency to root out alleged

"Reds" in it. The Administration managed to call him off and started up two separate investigations of its own, under General Mark Clark and Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle.

The Saturday Evening Post articles, written by Richard and Gladys Harkness, point out that McCarthy never produced any evidence to back up his charges. Moreover, the CIA has set up all sorts of precautions against "security risks" and Communist double-agents.

Much more important than this side-issue, the articles indicate, is the question of how the CIA operates and the big effect it has—for good or ill—on the course of the cold war.

"We are too prone to view our conflict with Russia in terms of the worry, 'When will the Reds attack us militarily?'" the authors declare.

"We plan to defend ourselves on land, on sea and in the air, when what we must also do is combat the Communist enemy underground, where he uses the fourth dimension of war—infiltration, subversion and conspiracy."

That's part of the job of the CIA. The other part of its job is to find out what the Communist leaders are doing and planning. Much of that work, the articles point out, consists of "laborious, dull and systematic research." But some of the information comes from secret agents behind the Iron Curtain, in-

cluding "high satellite officials who were hand-picked by the Russians as slavishly loyal Communist puppets."

On the basis of this information, the articles reveal, "the intelligence experts predict that the Communists are not now prepared for military global conflict." That highly significant estimate, the authors declare, now "represents the warp and woof of our government's foreign and domestic policy."

But the most controversial side of the CIA's work is what the authors call its "top-secret activity" of sponsoring sabotage and rebellion abroad, through local agents and groups. "In one satellite, an agent trained in the technique of labor organizations promoted work slow-downs. In another country, a CIA agent dispatched a band of saboteurs to a trestle on the main Red rail supply line," which they blew up.

What is the effect on the people of those countries if they learn that American agents are behind such sabotage? What's the effect in Guatemala, Egypt and Iran when the people there learn that American agents are behind their "popular" revolts?

Those questions aren't raised in the Saturday Evening Post articles. The authors do point out, however, that Senator Mike Mansfield (Dem., Mont.) asked some other pertinent questions last Spring about the CIA's activities with foreign groups.

"He pointed to rumors," they recall, "that CIA had subsidized a Nazi-type organization in West Germany which had marked leaders of the Social Democratic party for liquidation. He voiced suspicion that CIA was maintaining the tattered remnants of a Nationalist Chinese Army in Burma, despite Burmese protests to the United Nations."

"Mansfield concluded his speech to a hushed and attentive Senate by introducing a resolution to establish a special watchdog committee to keep a congressional eye on Dulles' operations. Nineteen other Democrats and seven Republicans joined the senator as co-sponsors of his bill."

When the new Congress convenes, with a Democratic majority, more will undoubtedly be heard of Mansfield's suggestion for a special CIA committee of Congress, like the already established Congressional Atomic Energy Committee.

Declares CIA Behind Recent Revolts

UNCLE SAM'S top spy outfit, the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, employs from 8,000 to 12,000 "anonymous" men and women. Their names and duties never appear on any published government payroll.

It spends several hundred million dollars a year. Not a penny of this is openly appropriated by Congress.

The spending of it is entrusted solely to the discretion of one man—